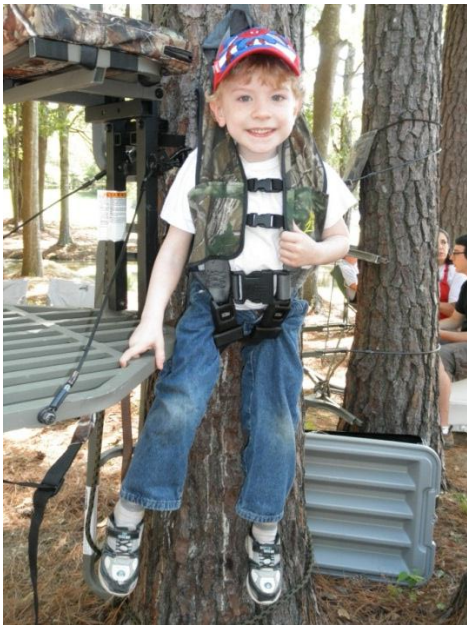


*Connecting people to nature is a mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Staff from the Mississippi Field Office often help out at summer camps, special events and festivals.*

## **National Hunting and Fishing Day 2011**

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I assisted with Mississippi Wildlife Federation's annual event called "Outdoorama on the Rez" near Canton, Mississippi, on September 24, 2011, to celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day. I helped register many of the 500 people attending Outdoorama, but my main focus was documenting all of the interesting events with the brand spankin' new Olympus camera for youth ambassadors to use, courtesy of the FWS. I broke it in by taking several pictures of kids with some of the animals that were brought by the American Zookeepers Association. I got a few snapshots of the watershed model and the tree-stand safety demonstration.





Later on, I helped some of the kids fish.



I learned a little about archery and gunnery as well – mainly from behind the safety of my camera lens.



Many of the young hunters boasted about their similar weaponry at home! It was quite an exciting day.